

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner held that claims 11-16 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Accordingly, claims 11-16 have been canceled.

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to further cross-reference the additional reissue divisional application 09/698,367.

Filed concurrently herewith is the original patent 5,802,241.

In item 4, claims 6-10 were indicated to be allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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